

BOARD ROUNDS

Professional Boxing
and Combat Sports
Board of Victoria



Revised concussion management protocol - strengthening contestant safety

The Board's revised Concussion Management Protocol took effect from 1 January 2025 and has a strengthened (and extended) stand down period for contestants who are concussed (based on the severity of the concussion) and those who have sustained multiple concussions over a 2-year period.

- Contestants diagnosed with a concussion are suspended from competition for a minimum of 37 days and from contact training for a minimum of 30 days.
- Contestants who lose consciousness are subject to longer minimum suspension periods ranging from 60 to 90 days, depending on the severity of the concussion.
- Return to contact training and competition is contingent on obtaining a medical or specialist medical clearance confirming that their symptoms have resolved.
- Contestants who sustain multiple concussions or knock outs over a 2-year period are now suspended from competition for 12 months to improve management of concussion symptoms and provide adequate recovery time. Return to competition is contingent on specialist medical clearance.

2025 Promotions

The Board looks forward to supervising many successful promotions in 2025, following 60 promotions held last year. A number of promotion permits for 2025 have already been approved and the current schedule is published on the Board's [website](#)

Please remember to submit your permit applications in sufficient time to ensure that the Board can accommodate your preferred promotion date. You can do this [online](#).

Information about the concussion protocol revisions has been provided to registered contestants, ringside doctors and licence holders.

Further supporting information about concussion, the revised non-fight suspension periods and graduated return to fight strategy is available on the website.

It is important that you are familiar with these revisions.



REMINDERS

Ahead of the commencement of the 2025 promotion schedule this weekend the Board reminds you of the following issues that may require your attention.

Promoters and trainers please refer contestants to the Board's [online portal](#) to complete registration applications. This applies to new and renewing registrations. (Please note that it may take up to a week to receive approval of a complete application for registration).

Contestant registrations and licence applications must be accompanied by satisfactory evidence of age. To be satisfactory, **evidence of age** must be a certified copy of government issued photo identification that is current. Examples of what is satisfactory and what is not are listed below:

Satisfactory evidence of age

- Current Australian driver licence
- Current licence (other than a driver licence) issued under Australian law eg marine licence
- Current Australian or foreign passport
- Victorian proof of age card or an equivalent from another state or territory of Australia
- Current Working with Children Check card

Unsatisfactory evidence of age

- Expired driver licence
- Expired passport
- Medicare card
- Credit card
- Gym membership card
- Statutory declaration

Your evidence of age must be sighted and certified by a person who can witness statutory declarations. A list of authorised statutory declaration witnesses can be found on the [Department of Justice and Community Safety website](#).

National Police Certificates

Licence applicants must also provide a **National Police Certificate**. You can apply for a National Police Check and obtain a National Police Certificate from [Victoria Police](#). The type of National Police Check required is the National Name Check. If you are applying via the Victoria Police website, once you have responded to questions regarding identity documents you will be directed to Service Victoria to complete the online application. When completing the Check Type tab:

- *Purpose of your check* - you must select 'General employment'; and
- *Position title/occupation* - you must enter 'Boxing and combat sports licence'; and
- *Place of work/name of employer* - you must enter 'Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board of Victoria'.

If applying via the Victoria Police hard copy form, you must complete Option 1 of Section E of the form by:

- selecting 'General employment'; and
- Role or position title - specify 'Boxing and combat sports licence'; and
- Proposed employer or industry - specify 'Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board of Victoria'.

Please do not select one of the licensing purposes listed under Option 1 as these are not relevant to your licence application.

If you are applying for a National Police Check from another provider, you must include 'Boxing and combat sports licence' as the role/position title/course/industry and 'Professional Boxing and Combat Sports Board of Victoria' as the place of work/employer/organisation.

Do not apply for your National Police Check from the AFP as the purpose is not relevant to your licence application. You must provide a new National Police Certificate with your licence application. You cannot provide a National Police Certificate obtained for a different purpose.

Your National Police Certificate should be no older than 3 months prior to the date of your licence application. ~~Page 4~~